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Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC
Attention: Steven George and Jeffry Henning
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April 29, 2009

Dear Mr. George and Mr. Henning:

I am writing today with great concern for your cavalier attitude toward the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's requirement that you apply for and obtain an EPA water pollution permit.

The EPA designs rules to protect the environment and the public and these rules exist for a reason. The purpose of these safeguards is not to be an inconvenience to business, but rather to safeguard the American public against possibly dangerous and damaging pollutants. Residents of central Ohio have seen the consequences of poor planning before: Buckeye Egg's disregard for the EPA led to an environmental and public health disaster.

No company could possibly, in good conscience, proceed down a similar course, while fully aware of the consequences. However, according to plans you have submitted, you intend to spread 23.5 million gallons of manure-polluted egg-wash wastewater on 160 acres of farmland. According to the Ohio EPA, the proximity to the watershed makes it inevitable that the water will end up polluting streams that lead to Bokes Creek. As you know, Bokes Creek is already overburdened with pollution caused by existing runoff.

As a company intending to confine millions of chickens and handle waste in a manner that puts pollutants in close proximity to the watershed, I ask that you exercise the greatest diligence in protecting the health of the public. This is not a time to scoff at the regulations designed to protect residents living in the community you are trying to access.

I urge you to reconsider your position as stated today and continue working with the Ohio EPA should plans for your plant continue to move forward.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Kilroy
U.S. Representative
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